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September 13, 2005

Mr. Doug Hoell, Director  
North Carolina Division of Emergency Management  
4713 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699



Reference: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: City of Burlington

Dear Mr. Hoell:

We are pleased to inform you that the revisions to the City of Burlington Local Plan are in compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. The plan is approved for a period of five (5) years, to September 12, 2010.

The City of Burlington is hereby an eligible applicant through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by FEMA:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, our post-disaster-funding program;
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation, a national competitive program for mitigation projects and planning grants.

We commend the City of Burlington for the development of a solid, workable plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note that all requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs. In addition, please be aware that if the City of Burlington is placed on probation or is suspended from the National Flood Insurance Program, it may be ineligible for certain types of federal funding.

We strongly encourage the Community to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years. We also encourage the Community to conduct a plan update process within one (1) year of being included within a Presidential Disaster



Declaration or of the adoption of major modifications to the local Comprehensive Land Use Plan or other plans that affect hazard mitigation or land use and development. When the plan is amended or revised, it must be resubmitted through the State as a "plan update" and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. If the plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year update, please ensure that the Draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of this plan approval.

The State and the City of Burlington should be commended for their close coordination and communications with our office in the review and subsequent approval of the plan. If you or the City of Burlington have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ernest Hunter, of my staff at 770-220-5495.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Clayton E. Saucier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clayton" being more prominent.

Clayton E. Saucier, Chief  
Hazard Identification and  
Risk Assessment Branch  
Mitigation Division

